

A study of the trade union movement policy of the Communist Party of China (1921-1923)

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When examining the labor movement history of the Communist Party of China (CPC), it is necessary not only to study the specific cases of strikes and unionization but also to understand the self-knowledge, platforms, resolutions, and instructions of the CPC. Limited to the period between the founding of the CPC in July 1921 and before the first National Congress of Kuomintang (KMT) in January 1924, this paper reveals the actual situation of the trade union movement of the CPC by focusing on the three CPC national congresses at which the policies of the trade union movement were determined. Furthermore, this paper historically examines the contents of the CPC's policies on the trade union movement as well as the instructions of the Communist International and relevant intraparty debates on the relationship of KMT-CPC cooperation and the trade union movement.